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Ch'ŏngjin City

1. [] the population of Ch'ŏngjin city was 150,000.^{1,2} About 60% to 65%, excluding military personnel, were women; about 35% to 40% were men. Approximately 30% of the men were over 30 years old. Twenty percent of the total population were 20 to 30 years old; women comprised 70% to 75% of this age group.

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Onsŏng-gun

2. The population of Onsŏng-gun was approximately 30,000^{1,3}; women outnumbered the men. About 10% of the population were men between 20 to 30 years old.

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P'yŏngyang City

3. The estimated population of P'yŏngyang city was between 500,000 to 600,000.⁴

Sinuiju City

4. The official population for Sinuiju was 50,000.⁵

Comments.

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1. No official announcements concerning vital statistics in North Korea had been made since the Armistice, but the population figures for Ch'ŏngjin and Onsŏng-gun are reasonably accurate.
2. The 1947 Peoples' Almanac stated that Ch'ŏngjin had a population of 160,000.

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Ch'ongjin had a population of 198,000. [] quoting figures allegedly taken from North Korean publications and current [] estimated Ch'ongjin's population as 176,968. This figure included North Korean Army personnel, Russian advisory personnel and their families, and Chinese and other foreign nationals; it did not include Chinese Communist Forces stationed in North Korea.

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before the war Ch'ongjin had a population of about 270,000. This figure appears to be high, in view of the figures given in the present report.

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[] the population of Onsong-gun was 56,799. This figure included North Korean Army personnel, Russian advisory personnel and their families, and Chinese and other foreign nationals; but did not include Chinese Communist Forces stationed in North Korea.

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4. This estimate was based upon the number of people who could be assembled for mass demonstrations, which was about 300,000 to 350,000. The ratio between ages and sexes was about the same as the figures quoted for Ch'ongjin city and Onsong-gun.

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[] estimated the population of P'yongyang at 425,816, [] This figure included North Korean Army personnel, Russian advisory personnel and their families, Chinese and other foreign nationals; but did not include Chinese Communist Forces stationed in North Korea.

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[] population was 450,000.

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the P'yongyang population consisted of about 70,000 to 80,000 persons, most of whom resided outside the city.

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[] P'yongyang population was about 500,000.

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[] the P'yongyang population was about 500,000; 230,000 were men and 270,000 were women.

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[] 450,000; the proportion of women was two to one man.

5. It seemed more likely that the Sinuiju population was about 10,000.

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